

CARING FOR OUR COMMUNITY

Events take place at Creekside Community Center, 9801 Penn Avenue South.

RESOURCES ABOUND HUMAN SERVICES FOR YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES

BLOOMINGTON HUMAN SERVICES provides exceptional programs and services to community members of all ages. Programs and services are accessible to youth, families, multicultural communities, active, aging adults and people with disabilities.

For more information, call Human Services at 952-563-8733 or TTY 952-563-8740. To sign up for e-mail updates, go to our website, click on *E-Subscribe* and subscribe to “Human Services.”

WEBSITE KEYWORDS: HUMAN SERVICES.

TAX PREPARATION SERVICES FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE AT CREEKSIDE

TAX ASSISTANCE WILL be provided on a first-come, first-served basis, **January 26 - April 15**, to individuals who meet income-qualifying guidelines of \$30,000 or less for individuals and \$45,000 or less for families.

ACCOUNTABILITY MINNESOTA

AccountAbility Minnesota will provide tax assistance to individuals who meet income guidelines.

WHEN: Tuesdays and Thursdays,
January 26 - April 15.
Time: 5:30 - 9:30 p.m.
WHEN: Saturdays, January 30 - April 10.
Time: 8:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
(March hours: 8:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.)

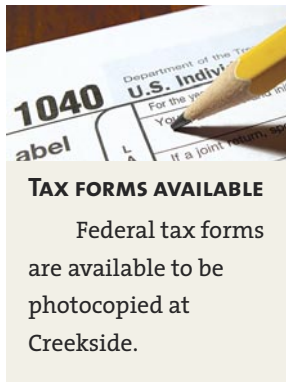
AARP TAX-AIDE

AARP Tax-Aide will provide free tax preparation services to taxpayers with middle-to-low incomes, with special attention to people age 60 and older.

When: Mondays and Tuesdays, February 1 - April 13.
Time: 9 a.m. - noon.

Taxpayers with complex tax returns are advised to seek paid tax assistance.

Human Services is partnering with AccountAbility Minnesota and AARP Tax-Aide to make these programs available. For more information, call Human Services.



TAX FORMS AVAILABLE

Federal tax forms are available to be photocopied at Creekside.



ORDER UP! LUNCH AT THE CITY DINER

ENJOY GOOD FOOD and good company at Creekside Community Center’s City Diner. Meals are available **Monday - Friday, 11:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.** Two-day advance reservations are required. Meals are \$6 for guests who are 60 years old and younger, and \$3 donation for guests older than 60 years of age.

Special events at the City Diner include “Monday Memorable Lunches” and the “Party of the Month,” featuring entertainment and door prizes. Upcoming Memorable Mondays theme days include: **Vikings Day, December 14; Winter Deep Freeze, January 25; and Presidents Day, February 22.** Don’t miss the **Party of the Month** on **January 14 and February 11.**

To make a reservation call 952-563-4948; 952-563-4944 V/TTY. Reservations are taken one week in advance for these popular meals.

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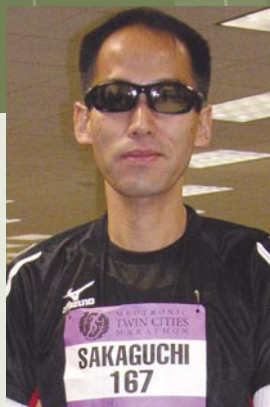


Activist Naomi Tutu, daughter of South African Archbishop Desmond Tutu, reads to children during a youth leadership event at Oak Grove Church.

OMAR BONDERUD HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD OAK GROVE CHURCH HONORED FOR HUMANITARIAN WORK

THE BLOOMINGTON HUMAN RIGHTS Commission is honoring Oak Grove Presbyterian Church as its newest Omar Bonderud Award recipient. A strong community member that has demonstrated its commitment to residents time and time again, Oak Grove Presbyterian Church has partnered with the City and other organizations to provide summer art and playground programs for youth. Oak Grove Church also hosted a youth leadership event focused on race and diversity featuring Naomi Tutu. The church strives to be a multicultural

haven that is welcoming to all people. The award will be presented at the City Council meeting on **December 7, 7 p.m.** The Omar Bonderud Award is given annually to an individual or organization who works tirelessly to ensure human rights for all. Omar Bonderud served as the first chairperson of the Human Rights Commission from 1968 to 1973. The award was created in his honor and has been presented annually since 1974. Reverend Bonderud passed away on September 24, 2009. The Human Rights Commission extends its sympathy to the Bonderud family.



INSPIRING CULTURAL EXCHANGES BLOOMINGTON SISTER CITY ORGANIZATION HOSTS RUNNER FROM JAPAN

BLOOMINGTON SISTER CITY Organization (BSCO) welcomed Mr. Kazutomi Sakaguchi, *photo right*, as part of its annual Marathon Exchange Program with sister city Izumi City, Japan. Sakaguchi ran in the Medtronic Twin Cities Marathon in October.

Donaldson Company Vice President Peggy Herrmann opened her home to host Sakaguchi. Herrmann has traveled to Japan extensively for her work.

While visiting Bloomington, Sakaguchi met Mayor Gene Winstead,

received a tour of Civic Plaza and Pond-Dakota Mission Park, enjoyed a Minnesota Twins game and shopped at the Mall of America. Community Development Director and BSCO member Larry Lee led an architectural tour of Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED)-certified buildings in Bloomington, including MarketPointe, Quality Bicycles Products and Reflections condominiums. This was of particular interest to Sakaguchi as architecture is his line of work.

BSCO will send runners Darrell Christensen and Sean Faulk to Izumi City to participate in the Senshu International Marathon in February 2010.

For more information, visit www.bloomington-izumi.org.

WHAT ARE YOUR INTERESTS?

GET ACQUAINTED WITH CREEKSIDE



LEARN MORE about Human Services’ Active Aging Adult program at a Get Acquainted with Creekside session. Find what you’re interested in by exploring the wide variety of activities and offerings available at Creekside, including dining events, cards, woodworking, pottery and more. Sessions are held the first Wednesday of each month.

To register, call Human Services.

SHOPPING FOR LESS VISIT THE BOUTIQUE AT CREEKSIDE



FIND THE PERFECT GIFT this holiday season at the Creekside Boutique. A wide selection of handcrafted items made by local residents is available for purchase. The Boutique is open:

Monday - Friday, 10 a.m. - 2:45 p.m.
Tuesdays, 6 - 8 p.m.
Saturdays, 9:30 a.m. - 1 p.m.

HEALTH AND WELLNESS FAIR EVENT ESPECIALLY FOR ACTIVE AGING ADULTS



BLOOMINGTON HUMAN SERVICES, Parks and Recreation, and Public Health will join forces with the College of St. Catherine’s Physical Therapy Department to present health and wellness information, **Wednesday, January 20, 9:30 - 11:30 a.m.**, at Creekside Community Center. This free event is a great opportunity to learn about nutrition, exercise, wellness and physical therapy. No reservations are required.